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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF ISRAELI PATENT LAWS

1. U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY U.S. INDUSTRY SOURCES THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS RECENTLY PREPARED A REPORT ENTITLED QUOTE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE ISRAELI PATENT LAW IN VIEW OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY END QUOTE.

2. U. S. INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT REVISIONS OF THE ISRAELI PATENT LAW BASED ON THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY ALLEGE THAT SUCH REVISIONS WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY TO ISRAEL AND THAT THEY WOULD REDUCE THE ABILITY OF U.S. INDUSTRY TO OPERATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUP-
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PORTIVE OF U.S. INNOVATION AND TRADE.

3. THE PATENT OFFICE HAS PREPARED IN DRAFT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO SUBMIT THESE COMMENTS, AFTER APPROPRIATE REVIEW AND CLEARANCE, TO THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IF THE EMBASSY ASCERTAINS THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DO SO. U. S. INDUS-

TRY SOURCES HAVE SAID THAT ISRAELI REGISTRAR OF PATENTS

HAS SET A DEADLINE OF END OF FEBRUARY FOR SUBMITTING
COMMENTS.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT URGENTLY
ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND ASCERTAIN IF USG COMMENTS ON
COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND, IF
SO, WHAT THE DEADLINE IS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS. (IN
ADDITION TO REGISTRAR OF PATENTS, DEPARTMENT AND PATENT
OFFICE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONTACT MAYER GABAY,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WHO USUALLY
REPRESENTS ISRAEL AT INTERGOVERNMENTAL INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY MEETINGS. MICHAEL KIRK, PATENT OFFICE AND
HARVEY WINTER (EB/IFD/BP), WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS
MATTER, ARE WELL-KNOWN TO GABAY.) VANCE

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